



california interregional blueprint

Interim Report Working Group

NOTES

California Interregional
Blueprint (CIB)
Discussion
SACOG
September 13, 2011
9:00 am – 11:00 am

Attendees:

Muggs Stoll (SANDAG)
Matt Carpenter (SACOG)
Doug Williford (SCAG) (phone)
Doug Ito (CARB)
George Mazur (Cambridge Systematics)
Ron West (Cambridge Systematics)
Caroline Leary (Cambridge Systematics)
Bob Leiter (Consultant)
Dave Ory (MTC)
Annette Gilbertson (CTC)
Dr. Andrew Altevoigt (Cal EPA)
Tanisha Taylor (SJCOG)

Mike Swearingen (SJCOG)
Marty Tuttle (Caltrans)
Sharon Scherzinger (Caltrans)
Pam Korte (Caltrans)
Chad Baker (Caltrans)
Laurie Waters (Caltrans)
Cathy Gomes (Caltrans)
Stuart Mori (Caltrans)
Horacio Paras (Caltrans) (phone)
Steve Alexander (Caltrans) (phone)
Gabriel Corley (Caltrans) (phone)

Action Items

#	Category/Agenda Item	Action Item	Responsible Party
1	Implementation Plan	Make edits to Figure 1 of the Implementation Plan.	George Mazur
2	Stakeholder Workshops	Add the following answer choices to Polling Question #3: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Freight• Economic growth• Locations of population growth	George Mazur
3	Interim Report Panel	Schedule a follow-up call or meeting to refine specific trends to be discussed.	Cathy Gomes
4	Workshops	Send workshop invitation list to MPO members of Working Group	Caltrans and Cambridge Systematics

Key Decisions

- Revise Implementation Plan per today's comments. For cases in which an MPO has not completed a draft or final SCS, the MPO should be consulted regarding information to be included in the Interim Report. Do not automatically use the RTAC target setting results.
- Schedule one or two follow-up calls to refine thoughts on topic areas on which to focus in the workshop Interim Report Panel.
- The Interim Report may include one or more pages discussing each modal plan.

Meeting Materials

- July 12, 2011 Meeting Notes
- Revised SB375/391 Comparison Matrix
- Stakeholder Workshop Revised Agenda and Logistics
- Stakeholder Workshop Draft Participant Questions
- CIB Interim Report Implementation Plan (revised)
- Draft GHG Methodology for 2015 CTP
- Draft CIB Interim Report Annotated Outline
- Summary PowerPoint presentation

Welcome and Introductions

- Martin Tuttle introduced new Working Group Member Dr. Andrew Altevogt from the California Environmental Protection Agency.
- Martin Tuttle welcomed Tanisha Taylor, who will be representing SJCOG.
- New Tribal Representative will be Connie Reitman-Solas.
- Sharon Scherzinger discussed some Caltrans activities including planning meeting with SCAG at the end of September.

Review of July 12, 2011 Meeting Notes

- WG members accepted the July 12th Meeting Notes.
- Cathy Gomes will send out an updated Working Group roster.

Stakeholder Workshops

- Ron West reviewed the agenda. The workshops are scheduled for November 4 at the Sacramento Convention Center, and November 8 at Caltrans District 7 in Los Angeles.
- Matt Carpenter, David Ory, and Doug Ito will participate on the Interim Report Panel at the Sacramento workshop.
- Muggs Stoll, Doug Williford and Doug Ito will participate on the Interim Report panel at the Los Angeles workshop.
- Sharon Scherzinger commented that we could use help from MPOs on the stakeholder list and it was decided that Caltrans will send the stakeholder list to MPO members of the Working Group for review. In particular, SCAG's assistance is needed to identify goods movement stakeholders.
- George Mazur reviewed sample questions to be asked to workshop participants as part of the Interim Report panel. Feedback included:
 - Clarify that the questions are specifically related to passenger vehicles and greenhouse gas information within MPO regions (versus metropolitan areas).
 - By the beginning of November, only one SCS will have been completed (SANDAG). Is that enough data/experience with which to work?
 - Restructure the responses in Question 3.

Implementation Plan

George Mazur indicated that the primary topic that needs new analysis for the Interim Report is the effect of SCS on the statewide multimodal system. We understand that there will be data missing from the Interim Report and will state as such.

The Working Group agreed that following revisions/additions should be made to the Implementation Plan:

- Strike target setting and say, “consult with MPO if there is not a final SCS”.
- The “Areas of Uncertainty” section should cover issues in a broader manner. Add to this section sea level rise, transportation funding, and integrating SCS into local land use planning. For transportation funding, mention that project funding can often be counter-cyclical to general economic cycles due to state and federal stimulus funding.
- The Implementation Plan needs to better describe interregional travel – particularly recreational travel and freight.
- The Interim Report should also point out the differences between travel models and what they include.

The following issues/topics were also raised:

- Doug Ito commented that San Joaquin Valley MPOs should be consulted to a greater degree on interregional travel issues.
- Large and small MPOs are affected to a different degree by interregional travel. Interregional travel tends to account for a larger share of total travel in smaller MPOs than in larger MPOs.
- With the economic downturn, there were major changes in socioeconomic forecasts (those that were released after 2008). There is uncertainty the extent to which all MPOs will be able to fully utilize these new forecasts, although SANDAG was able to do so in its SCS.

GHG Methodology for 2015 CTP

George Mazur reviewed the draft GHG Methodology for the 2015 CTP. Caltrans would like to attach dates to the basic process flow and would like to lay the groundwork for how to calculate GHG. If Caltrans does not specify this methodology, it might be determined for them. It was suggested that we briefly describe the methodology at the November workshops and explain for what purpose the data will be used. There was some discussion of which specific GHG-related data to use, and it was determined that regionally-generated data is the better starting point from which to conduct statewide scenario analysis. Chad Baker from Caltrans indicated that this process is feasible, but will be time consuming.

Interim Report Annotated Outline

George Mazur reviewed the annotated outline for the Interim Report. The main idea is to produce a graphically rich document, with a target length of no more than 60 pages. The audience will be legislative and executive staff as well as an informed general public. There were concerns about the timing of the report. Will there be enough time to digest all data that will go into the CTP? Some SCS won't be completed until 2014. We will also have data from modal plans. There should be more focus on the modal plans.

Reports from Working Group Members

- SANDAG: It is expected that the board will accept the Response to Comments document at the Board Meeting on Friday, September 16th. Between now and October 28, SANDAG will finalize the RTP and SCS. On October 28th, the following documents will be considered for final approval: RTP, SCS, EIR, and RHNA. The Staff Report from CARB will be posted today and there will be a CARB hearing on September 22.
- SACOG: Public comment period begins in November on the SCS and environmental document. SACOG expects that the SCS will be endorsed.
- MTC: A round of scenario analysis will be completed in Spring 2012.
- SJCOG: In September and October, the 8 Valley MPOs will decide if they will collaborate on a single SCS.
- SCAG: The draft preferred alternative and program EIR will be released on November 3rd. Formal public review will begin the following day and adoption is scheduled for April.
- SBCAG: Santa Barbara continues work on its plan, which focuses on the growth process and trying to integrate the RTP forecast with RHNA allocation. Performance measure development is underway and the target adoption date is early 2013.

Next Working Group Meeting:

- November 15, 2011 from 9:00 AM – 11:00 AM at SACOG. The main topic of discussion will be the stakeholder workshops.